HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE
BRAC BIT: # 71
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SUBJECT(S): Upcoming Events and the BRAC Business Initiative (BBI)
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1. **Upcoming Events:**
   a. **BRAC Business Initiative Information/Networking Meeting**
        i. **Date: 31 March, 2010, 8 AM to 10 AM**
        ii. **Event: Free, no reservations required**
        iii. **Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2 Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610**
        iv. **Attendees: All who want BRAC/Cyber information and improved networking opportunities**
        v. **Agenda:**
             • **Doing Business with Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab**
             • **Networking extravaganza: New concepts leading to more effective networking with the over 500 BBI companies**
   b. **BRAC Jobs 101**
        i. Date: 24 March, 2010, 7 PM to 8:30 PM
        ii. Event: Features information on the type of BRAC-related jobs that will be available, where those jobs will be located and how interested job-seekers can apply. This is not a Job Fair!
        iii. Location: Auditorium of Hammond High School, 8800 Guilford Road in Columbia, MD
        iv. Attendees: Put on for the public at large
        v. Questions: Call HC Office of Workforce Development at 410-290-2609.
   c. **CyberCore Technologies IT e-Cycling Event on Earth Day**
        i. Date: 22 April, 2010, 12 PM to 5 PM
        ii. Event: Dispose of unwanted electronics. No batteries, televisions or CT monitors please!
        iii. Location: 6605 Business Way, Meadow Ridge Business Park, Elkridge, MD 21075
        iv. Attendees: General public
        v. Questions: email WeCare@CyberCoreTech.com
2. **Discussion:**
   a. **Congressman Cummings Visit:**
        i. At our last BBI meeting, we were honored to have the presence of one our Executive Sponsors, Congressman Elijah Cummings. We updated him on the progress of BBI and he provided both guidance and encouragement to the attending small and minority businesses. He recommitted his support of the initiative and asked the BBI staff to expand the reach of our program. We are in the process of doing just that.
   b. **BRAC Business Initiative (BBI)   membership and data base.**
        i. As of today, we have over 500 BBI Partner Companies who represent a significant cross section of the region around Fort Meade and several states. All partner companies are asked to submit information for our networking data base. We ask for contact information, a capabilities statement and the three things they sell and the three things they buy.   That said, we still have some partner companies who have not completed this requirement. So, if you are one of those companies that have not sent us complete data, please do so ASAP or we will not be able to properly enter your company into our data base. Please send your input and/or update to **rkudchadkar@howardcountymd.gov**